



CHALLENGE

In spite of all, we are still seeking for something new and better.

On Thursday, the 28th of August, the Christian Church of Bayonnais organized a mission trip to the mountain region of Zoranger. 35 people were registered for the 4-day trip to Zoranger, but we ended up having 51 of us on our way back to Cathor, the main campus.

The mission trip to Zoranger was eye opening for every one of us from the “wealthy” community of Cathor. We went door to door preaching on Friday and Saturday. 26 people turned their souls to the Lord. I preached three sermons in Zoranger (Friday and Saturday night and Sunday morning). Due to that much talking, preaching with lots of emotion, my voice was strained, but it will be ok very soon.

Due to its location we can travel to Zoranger as easily as Nicolas. Zoranger differs from Nicolas, having more trees and water than Nicolas. The people of Zoranger were very welcoming. They celebrated our trip with us; they made sure we had a good time; the pastor and his wife slept overnight in the church with us; they walked part of the way back to Cathor with us.



Zorange Haiti

PRAISE THE LORD!

for Sandy at Myers Park that the Lord has used her as a Raven to bring uniforms for those kids from forgotten families in Bayonnais. Big thanks to the Lord for everyone that has sponsored a student giving hope to the kids.

The inhabitants of Zoranger are no different from others living in Haiti. They are a forgotten people in the mountains without the basic provisions to live with. They are people who have been raped, beaten and left on the road half dead. They just need a good Samaritan to come along with passion and compassion.

Blind people are everywhere in the community in Zoranger, which we had never seen before. There are many sick people and children with infections. It is not necessary to mention the extreme poverty; the missing husbands who have abandoned their families to go to the Dominican Republic and other countries to search for hope.

Well, it is overwhelming.

What did the Christian Church of Bayonnais truly do in Zoranger?

We made a positive impact upon the lives of the inhabitants.

- 26 souls came to know the Lord during two days. Praise the Lord, the Great God Almighty!
- We encouraged all the sick we saw there to come to Bethesda Clinic in Cathor and the Church will pay for their treatment. It would be awful to ask for those people to pay for seeing a doctor.
- Lamose Francois, a young woman from Fondalzant, a neighboring community, was tied up with ropes, and being beaten with live snakes by a voodoo priest. She has now been released and on Monday she was brought to the clinic in Cathor. Presently she is living with Mr. & Mrs. Genaise Simeon, a deacon of the church. Lamose was dehydrated, anemic and probably suffered some psychological distress. Her tormentors thought she was possessed by a demon spirit. The Simeons and the church are taking care of her in terms of feeding, clothing, prayers, advice and medical attention.



Lamose Francois with Madame Elitha Simeon

What is the church's plan for the future?

Provide hope for the future of Zoranger. Yesterday afternoon, the church session gathered for a meeting concerning Zoranger where they voted to send on 7,500 Haitian Gourdes (approximately \$180 US) from their monthly tithes and offerings to support the children's education there. This coming Saturday the mission group team will be gathering to decide how much they can give on a monthly basis to add to this 7,500 gdes from the church budget.



Weather Conditions in Bayonnais

Conditions in the Bayonnais valley have continued to provide challenges for our people. The recent drought has killed crops and now too much rain is washing away the top soil. The rice plantation in the Bayonnais valley has been destroyed.

A second cousin who used to live in the L'Estere area and who was trying to provide support for her 5 brothers and sisters to go to ICB school drowned in the swollen Bayonnais River.

One of our little friends, a 6th grader at ICB school, always with a great smile, lots of jokes all the time, suffered a similar fate as he drowned while he was bathing in the Bayonnais in river.



New School Year Begins at the ICB School

Schools opened their doors in Haiti on Monday the 8th of September. Yet, it is dark for every single citizen in Bayonnais. Available cash does not exist for many. Food has become as scarce as medicine and gold in Bayonnais.

Despite the tragedies, it has been encouraging to see a group of people, even though poor, who can consider going to mission fields and bringing some hope to others in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is encouraging to see people, in spite of all, who would consider bringing others into their homes for hope, for attention and to show love.



High School Students start the new school year

Here are the high school students, gathering under the mango trees to participate in the daily devotion by Pastor Actionnel at the start of their school day. They look great in their uniforms! Total school enrollment - elementary and high - has increased to 2,100 from 1,800 last year. Note that there is an immediate need for 50 more uniform "bottoms" (either skirts or pants) for school children. Cost per "bottom": \$6US. [Note: Since parents are asked to make the uniform - thereby contributing to their child's education even if they have no money - the cost per "bottom" for OFCB is \$6US, because it is for the material only.]

Pastor Actionnel Fleurisma will be in the U.S. September 25 - October 13

- *Sept. 27: First Baptist, Huntersville, World Hunger Day*
- *Sept. 28: Trinity Presbyterian, Charlotte, Actionnel to speak to Sunday School Class and give sermon during worship, available for Q&A during coffee time.*
- *Oct. 2: Breaking Bread with Actionnel*
- *Oct. 5: Light of Christ, Charlotte*
- *Oct. 6: Rotary*
- *Oct. 12: Sardis Presbyterian Church, Charlotte*



How YOU Can Help

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